

OAKLAND STAKE NEWS

OAKLAND STAKE CALENDAR

NOVEMBER, 1953

SAT. NIGHT DANCES—HAYWARD-CASTRO VALLEY WARDS
November 13—Oakland 4th Ward bazaar
November 14—Oakland 5th Ward bazaar
November 19—MIA Stake Leadership—Oakland 2nd Ward
November 21—Stake Quarterly Conference
November 22—Harvest Ball, Scottish Rite Auditorium, Oakland and Berkeley Stake
November 23—Stake Welfare Meeting, San Leandro Ward

DECEMBER, 1953

SATURDAY NIGHT DANCES—OAKLAND WARD
(Exception, Saturday, December 19)December 4—Primary Stake and Ward Officers Party
December 5—Stake Family Party
December 19—24th Quorum of Seventies Party

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Stake Presidents, Many Bishops, Attend General Conference

By MILDRED FONTANA.

President Delbert F. Wright and Elsie Smith led a large contingent of bishops and other representatives to general conference in Salt Lake City.

The General Relief Society convention held two days prior to general conference, was well attended at the Oakland Ward.

President Delbert Sorenson, Pearl Meine, Delia Bates, La Pearl Moody, Winifred Phelps and Mildred Fontana of the stake board, and Marie Lindsay, Eudora Morgan, Amelia Everett, Ruth Hilton, Chloe Call, Anna Bell Hart, Phyllis Warnick and Lila Graham of the ward societies.

Andrea Heslin and Nellie Watzel reached SLC in time for the ground breaking of the new Relief Society Building.

Thousands were attending or many saved schedules of duty, turning in a large amount of time. President O. McKay, Oakland Stake Relief Society received special honors being among the few stakes getting over one hundred percent subscriptions to the Relief Society Magazine. Also we were honored to be one of the few stakes for receiving the greatest percentage gain in magazine subscriptions ever last year.

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**OAKLAND FOURTH
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The San Leandro Ward held a budget banquet on Friday, Sept. 18, which proved to be very successful. The attendance to the dinner was almost double than the cooks had anticipated but being efficient workers that they are, there was enough for all. After the tables were cleared away, everyone gathered around to enjoy an exceptional program presented under the direction of the MIA. All who participated in the program were a treat to behold and we wish to compliment them and the MIA for entertaining us so delightfully.

The Sunday evening meeting for the first Sunday in October was presented by the MIA and was a very spiritual day. After hearing and seeing the General Conference via radio and TV for the first time in the Bay Area, the theme of the MIA program and the remarks of our guest speaker, Bro. Angus Norberg, made our day of spiritual feasting complete.

We wish to welcome five new converts: Janice and Peter DeHaan, Dorothy King, Dorothy Brewer, and Jean Decker, all baptized on the first Saturday of October. Our home missionaries are very diligent and we encourage them to continue their efforts. We also urge the members of ward to make the acquaintance of these new members who they may feel welcome and be one with us.

Grace Fletcher Dies
In San Francisco,
Buried in Oakland

Funeral services for Grace Fletcher, 76, wife of former Oakland Stake Patriarch, Harry Fletcher, were held Monday, Nov. 2, in the Oakland Ward.

Sister Fletcher died in San Francisco, Wednesday, October 28. She was born April 1, 1877, in Oakland, California, and is survived by her son, Harry Fletcher of San Francisco and Thomas Fletcher of Martinez.

Grace Fletcher was the wife of Harry Fletcher, former patriarch of Oakland Stake, who died December 15, 1951.

The funeral services were conducted by Bishop Netherton of the old Elmhurst (now Oakland) Ward where Grace Fletcher lived until about one year ago where she went to reside at the home of her son, Milton Fletcher in San Francisco.

Oakland Fifth Ward held a successful dinner to raise money for their chapel. Oct. 17. Oakland Stake Relief Society received special honors being among the few stakes getting over one hundred percent subscriptions to the Relief Society Magazine. Also we were honored to be one of the few stakes for receiving the greatest percentage gain in magazine subscriptions ever last year.

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Western Pacific

True Worship In A House Of Worship

Another Berkeley Stake ward is now able to worship the Lord in a new house of worship. Claremont Ward held its first sacrament meeting in its new chapel early in October, when the Stake Presidency was represented. It was our privilege to represent the Stake Presidency at a sacrament meeting there later in that month.

Two things, especially, impressed several visitors at these meetings.

First, the structure itself. Few, indeed, it was felt, would deny the architect, Dean Price, his measure of praise. Many felt to acknowledge that he had designed a dignified, commodious chapel which is also outstandingly original, with an effective modernistic use of surfaces and materials, especially glass, redwood, and cement brick. It is a beautiful and spacious building.

The second, equally impressive feature of the sacrament meetings was the presence of an atmosphere of true worship. Particularly was this noticeable and enjoyed during the partaking of the emblems of the Lord's body and blood. The silence was truly eloquent. Reverence and solemn meditation pervaded everywhere and entered into every soul. The worshippers were wrapped in worship, and heaven lent a holy ear. It was an experience like unto being in a sacred temple. The memory lingers and sanctifies the mind long after meeting time. One recalled the words (D&C 59):

"And that thou mayest more fully keep thyself unsotted from the world."

"Thou shalt go to the house of prayer and offer up thy sacrifice upon my holy day."

Worship is indeed properly understood to be the exercise of a man's highest and noblest faculty, a sense of unspeakable sublimity. It is a mingling of the human with the divine, a lifting of earth to heaven when the silencing ear catches as it were, the fluttering of the wings of the dove, symbol of the Holy Ghost.

We can away from the world, when fulfilling the words of the Holy One of Israel, spoken to the woman in the well in Samaria:

"The true worshippers shall worship the Father in Spirit and in truth; for the Father seeketh such to worship him... They that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth."

JESUS TESTIFIES OF HIMSELF

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"As the living Father hath sent me and I live by the Father; so he that eateth me, even he shall live by me."

"This is that bread which cometh down from heaven; not as your fathers did eat manna, and are dead; he that eateth of this bread shall live forever..."

"Dost thou offend you?"

"What and if ye shall see the Son of man ascend up where he was before?"

"It is the Spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing; the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life..."—John 6:57-63.

EDITOR NOT FEELING FINE

Our Good Ward

Reporters Won't Overuse 'Fine' And 'Wonderful'

In a "wonderful" report by one of our "fine" Messenger reporters we read a "fine" MIA director who had just come out of a "wonderful" job with a certain Sunday School. And then comes thanks to "all the wonderful people" who helped in recent ward activities.

One knows what "fine" thread and "fine" print mean, but perhaps an MIA president is something else again, like efficient, capable.

One agrees that wonderful things excite wonder as Webster says, and are marvelous and astonishing, and one knows that men work at jobs to earn a living. But perhaps a successful class teacher feels she is giving devoted service to the children rather than doing a wonderful job, and perhaps one could call a bazillion workers "willing" rather than wonderful.

Oakland Stake's Master M Men, Golden Gleaners, Hold Party

Oakland Stake's Master M Men and Golden Gleaners held a "jolly get acquainted" dancing party September 23, at the Oakland Fourth Ward. Don Gilligan's orchestra furnished delightful strains of dance music.

Completion of the Primary's Children Hospital in Salt Lake City.

Obtaining of the 115-bed Utro Valley Hospital at Provo.

Approved of a new building to house the Relief Society organization.

The purchase of the Utah Woolen Mill in Murray, Utah, for use in the Welfare Building.

W. Aird Macdonald and his wife, Nellie, of Stockton, formerly of Oakland where he was the first Stake president, attended a reunion recently of the sire of the Macdonald clan, Wallace A. Macdonald, held in Salt Lake City in the McKay Ward recreation hall.

Amy Macdonald Anderson and Hugh Anderson of San Diego, both formerly prominent in Oakland Stake and Berkeley Ward, also attended the reunion.

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BERKELEY STAKE NEWS

115 Berkeley Stake Girls Receive Individual Awards; Pct. Increase Noted

Six Berkeley Stake girls had 100 per cent attendance at all Church meetings while a total of 115 girls received Individual Awards for the year ending May 31, 1953, for reaching minimum standards.

The stake percentage of award winners was 46 per cent of all girls enrolled for the period with Claremont Ward leading the wards of the stake with 66 per cent. Wards in the 50-60 percent group were the two Berkeley Wards, Marin and Roden, while two other wards placed in the 40 to 50 per cent classification, namely, Concord and Richmond. Three wards fell into the 30-40 per cent list: East Richmond, Pittsburg and Walnut Creek.

The stake figure of 46 per cent girls qualifying for Individual Awards compared favorably with 38 per cent for 1951 and 38 per cent for 1952.

The following Berkeley Stake girls have received Individual Awards for the 1952-1953 year. Among them are Bee Hive, Marin Maids, and the Jr. Gleaner girls:

Berkeley 1—Joanne Basinger, Lynette Eyring, Suzanne Fife, Jean Merrill, Suzy Evans, Madeline Seville, Vilate Gardner, Julie H. Young, Vickie Kersey, Mary Kenner, Judith Odell, Carolyn Braby, Dolores Chase, Janet Hill, Cheryl Johnson, Joan Swayne, Myra Lee Miller, Virginia Chase.

Berkeley 2—Susan Boyack, Jeanne Clevis, Joan Merle, Kathleen Ricks, Mary Beth Lawrence, Ruthie L. Johnson, Barbara Karen Olson, Sharon Larson, Wyndonna Bally, Janet Jensen, Joy Aschman, Kay Berta, Franz, Carol Thiel.

Claremont—Judith Leighton,

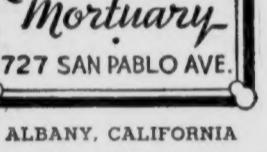
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Genealogical Questions And Answers Offers Aid To Ancestor Hunters

By MARY LOU HARLINE.

In order to aid those in the Bay Area who are seeking after their dead ancestors, genealogical questions will be received in this column and it is hoped that other readers will be able to give answers or more clues on where to look.

Send all questions, answers and suggestions of other material to be included that might be helpful in adding to our store of genealogical information to Mary Lou Harline, 1721 "Opal" Drive, Walnut Creek, Calif.

Question from Echo Woodard Hawks, 2455 Clement St., San Francisco 21, California: Am seeking information of Philander Gedrich Woodard. The direct line is to a Harry Frank Woodard, 1870-1933. Born in Michigan. (Father of Sister Hawley b. b. His father—Paul Ingraham Woodard 1830-1915. Born in New York.

His father—Philander Gedrich Woodard. Born 25 Dec 1807 of Conn. Married Permelia Kinne who was born 14 Oct 1810 of Conn. and died 29 Nov 1832. She was daughter of John Kinne and Permelia Carpenter Beal, daughter of Dexter Beal of Conn.

AS A LESSON TO PROCRASITATORS. Sister Hawkins gives the following:

"Paul Remond Woodard, born in New York State, told me that he ran away from home when he was 15 because of religion. He refused to tell of his youth or his people. The marriage record shows his mother died when he was two years old.

In 1927, I went with a friend to the Perkins family reunion, Mesa, Arizona. As I entered the house, a man came forward who started me: he not only looked and walked like Gedrich, but he was dressed like he dressed. His name was Wilcox. When I told him my surprise, he took me in to visit with a relative of his who was born a Woodard. She was a quite elderly woman and ill from the long trip from Fillmore, Utah, I believe. She said, 'There couldn't be two Paul Remond Woodards who ran away when they were fifteen. It must be my brother (or nephew—I can't remember which). Because of domestic trouble at the time, I lost the opportunity of going on, and have never been able to connect since. My Perkins' friends cannot even place the Bro. Wilcox of the 1927 reunion."

Mormon Male Chorus Elects New Officers

Under the direction of Nels D. Sned, our East Bay Mormon Male Chorus is holding weekly rehearsals for the coming concert season. Many old members of the chorus are on hand to help and there are also new members to add their talents to the group. The chorus rehearses at 8 o'clock in Oakland Third Ward (formerly Dimond). New chorus officers are as follows:

A. Glenn Spencer, president; Berkeley Second; Leeland H. Wright, vice president; Franklin Foothills; Bert Bost, secretary-treasurer; San Leandro; Denzel C. Allen, Sec. historian; Berkeley First; Wilson Johnson, librarian; Berkeley First.

Flying peacefully 18,000 feet above the troubled Pacific, the Hawaiian temple excursionists from the Bay Area behold the very rare phenomena called "The Spectre of Brocken," wherein the shadow of the plane was completely encircled by a rainbow. "The whole thing followed, like a rainbow, from the horizon to the clouds." The passed the Lorraine "only an apparent foot long," which had left San Francisco four days ahead of the plane and arrived the day after the plane's arrival.

Leaving San Francisco at about noon Sunday, October 18, they arrived in Honolulu in time so that almost the entire group attended a神圣 meeting in the Waikiki Ward. Monday afternoon they took bus and participated with similar groups in a special session in the Hawaiian Temple, "a spiritual feast." Another temple session will be enjoyed later in the week.

Tuesday the party flew to the island of Hawaii, 170 miles over water to Kona where limousines took them to their scenic hotel.

Mentioned in the letter by Brother Nee are Mrs. Minnie Ellsworth and Clara Acomb, of Oakland, Ada Peterson of Vallejo, Mabel Wadsworth of Martinez, Sister Fouger of Berkeley Second, and Irene of the First Ward of Menlo Park, Joe and LaVon Eyring of Berkeley First who are exposing film picture by the yard in two cameras. Of course Milton and Marguerite Nee are the tour sponsors and are in everything that goes on, including learning to "hula" as taught at lunch time by the good-used bus driver.

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Berkeley Stake News High Priest Party Honors First Heads Of Old San Francisco Stake

By MARY LOU HARLINE.

Castro Valley Girl Addresses First Year H. S. Students

The following is the timely talk was addressed to the high school for the first time this year by one of the newest converts to our Church, Pat Fortini of Castro Valley Ward:

"Many young people are entering high school this fall. To those young parents, to those who soon will start high school, this word is directed:

"In this new world for you, there will be many temptations and your sense of values could be blinded. Many foolish newcomers will think that it looks smart to follow suit. Don't smoke! You do not have to smoke to be popular. Choose your friends wisely; start off on the right foot. You will never

be willing to drive a hard bargain. The congressmen's address was: 'What Price Peace?'

Elder Douglas Stringfellow is well known among the saints of Northern California because of his service among them as a missionary, teacher, and as a member of the stake presidency in several categories.

Paul Summershaw furnished several numbers on his musical

Preachers Mayhew and Ranker

and the like.

Wayne Mayhew returned early in November from several weeks spent in Chicago on business.

Shirley Martin was born in Salt Lake City, December 14, 1963. She is an "alum" of the University of Utah, class of '66. She is the mother of four children and claims five grandchildren, and ten great-grandchildren.

In addition, she helped mother

the original Oakland Branch.

The missionaries were

busy at that time assisting in the binding of an issue of Northern California Mission city directories, undertaken as a missionary stake conference in '54 when one of the General Authorities can be present to give the dedicatory prayer and address.

The editor of the Messenger

met and associated with Elder

Stringfellow and his worthy

wife on several occasions while

in Suwan putting the Messenger

on the press.

Martha H. McKaig

88 Years Young, Sweetheart of DUP

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